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tom thumb

The great BIG story
about a daring
LITTLE MAN!



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"tom thumb"

Starring

RUSS TAMBLYN

ALAN YOUNG • TERRY-THOMAS

PETER SELLERS • JESSIE MATTHEWS

JUNE THORBURN • BERNARD MILES

and the **PUPPETOONS**

with the voice of **STAN FREBERG**

Screen Play by **LADISLAS FODOR**

Based On a Story From the Pen of the
BROTHERS GRIMM

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Directed by **GEORGE PAL**



Right from the pages of Grimm Brothers' fairy tales comes Tom Thumb, the diminutive son of a woodcutter and his wife.



Tom is the answer to a wish, granted by the Forest Queen, when the woodcutter spares a mighty oak tree in her forest.



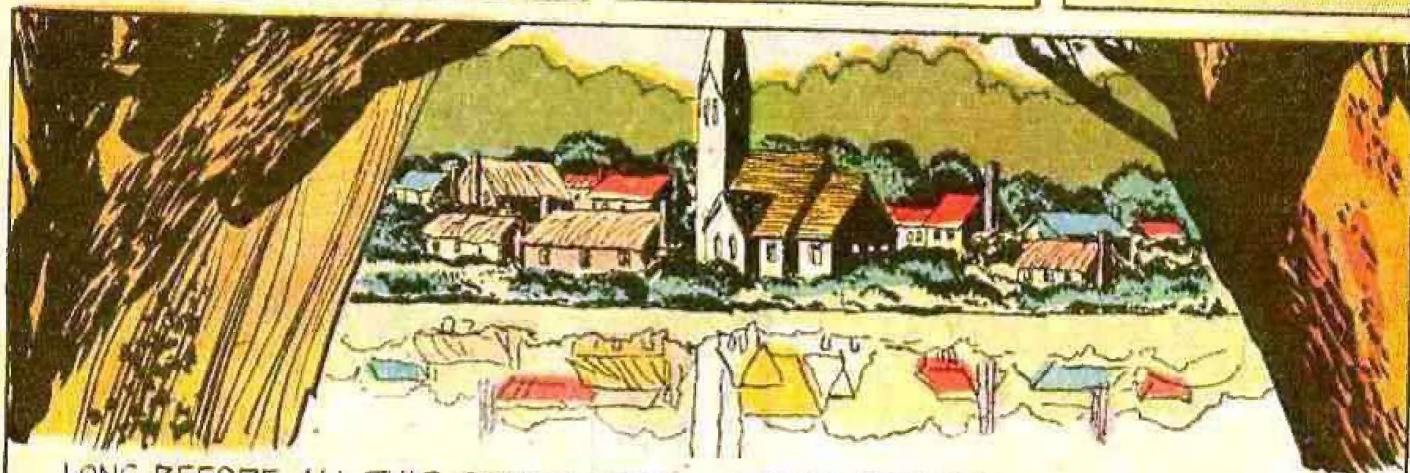
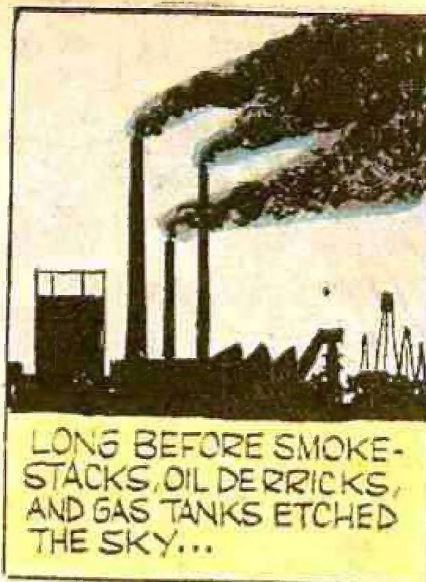
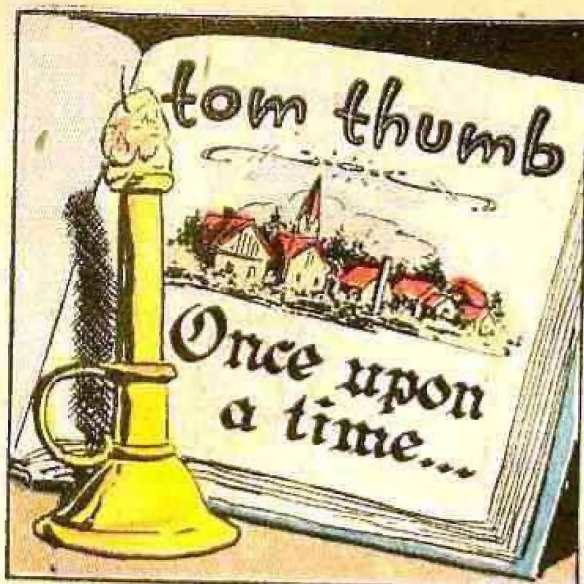
Tom soon becomes fast friends with the toys in the nursery, who jump to life in his presence.



His adventures take him to the town carnival, where he falls into the hands of two thieving villains.



But Tom's thumb-sizeness proves valuable when he blocks the escape of the robbers and saves the village treasury.



LONG BEFORE ALL THIS, SOMEWHERE FARTHER THAN CLOUDS COULD SAIL, THERE WAS A LITTLE VALLEY... THERE ON THE BANKS OF A WINDING STREAM NESTLED A PEACEFUL LITTLE VILLAGE... A SCHOOL, A TOWN HALL, A BAKE SHOP,

FROM WHENCE CAME THE SCENT OF FRESH, WARM BREAD, AND A CHURCH SPIRE WHERE BELLS WERE GENTLY RINGING.....DRAPED ABOUT THIS HAMLET, STRETCHING FAR AND WIDE, OVER HILL AND DALE, LIES THE GREAT BLUE FOREST...



ONE DAY, IN THIS GREAT FOREST, JONATHAN THE WOODSMAN WORKED HARD AT HIS TRADE...



BUT THIS WAS NO ORDINARY DAY... AND AS THE WOODSMAN TOOK A MIGHTY SWING AT THE GREAT OAK...

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A BEAUTIFUL LADY APPEARED AS IF FROM NOWHERE... AND THE GENTLE TOUCH OF HER HAND STOPPED THE AX IN MIDAIR...



CAREFUL, MISS...MY AX IS AS SHARP AS A RAZOR! YOU'LL CUT YOUR HAND!

DON'T WORRY, JONATHAN, NO BLADE CAN HARM ME!



SAY... HOW DID YOU KNOW MY NAME?

I KNOW EVERYONE WHO LIVES AND WORKS HERE, INCLUDING YOU! I AM THE QUEEN OF THE BLUE FOREST!



MUST YOU CUT THIS OLD OAK TREE? IT IS THE PRIDE OF MY FOREST!

BUT, IT'S A MIGHTY BIG TREE! IT'LL KEEP THE WHOLE VILLAGE WARM THROUGH THE WINTER!



BUT WHO WILL KEEP THEM WARM THROUGH THE WINTER? AND THEIR NEIGHBORS, THE BLUEBIRDS, THE CHIPMUNKS, THE WISE OLD OWL?

ALL LONG-TIME RESIDENTS! WHY MAKE THEM HOMELESS? WHY BE SO CRUEL?

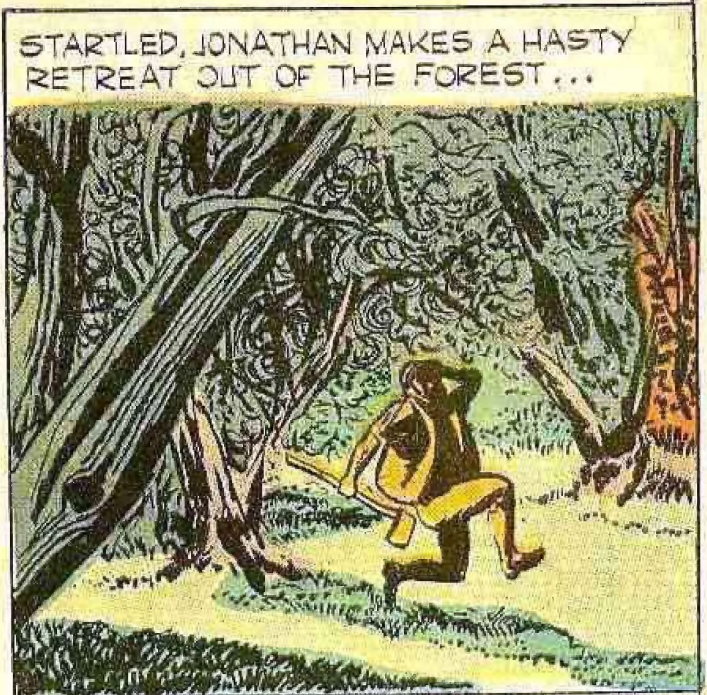
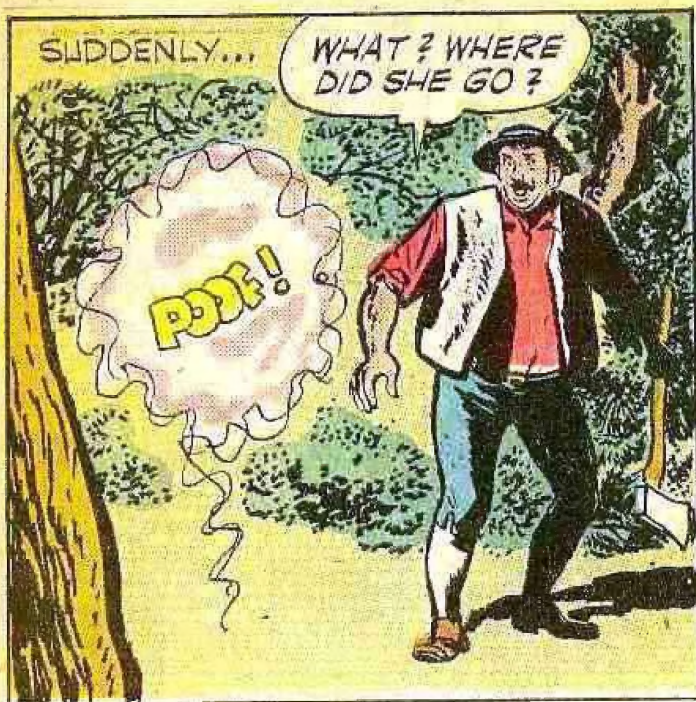
CRUEL? I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG! THAT'S HOW I MAKE MY LIVING... BY CUTTING TREES! WHO WILL TAKE CARE OF ME IF I HAVE NO WOOD TO SELL?





ALL THE BIRDS AND ANIMALS EXPRESS THEIR JOY AT THE NEWS THAT THEIR HOME IS SAFE FROM DESTRUCTION...







OF COURSE YOU WOULDN'T MIND IF I RAN AROUND LIKE THIS... BUT I DO! AND I WISH THIS SAUSAGE OFF MY NOSE THIS VERY INSTANT!



IN A TWINKLING, THE SAUSAGE IS GONE...

HOW COULD YOU BE SO SELFISH, JONATHAN? YOU JUST THREW AWAY OUR THIRD WISH!



IT HAPPENS ONCE IN A LIFETIME... AND WHAT DO YOU ASK FOR?... A SAUSAGE! OH, I COULD CRY!

NOW, ANNA... DON'T CRY! I ADMIT I WAS FOOLISH, BUT THERE'S STILL HOPE! SHE MIGHT GRANT US ANOTHER WISH! MAYBE A LITTLE ONE!



YES... A SON! THAT'S WHAT WE'VE ALWAYS WANTED! THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN OUR WISH!

IT WOULDN'T MATTER TO ME HOW LITTLE HE WAS! I'D BE HAPPY EVEN IF HE WERE NO BIGGER THAN MY THUMB!



OH, JONATHAN, WE WERE SO FOOLISH! OUR DREAM COULD HAVE COME TRUE. OUR HOUSE COULD HAVE BEEN LIKE OTHER PEOPLES'... NOISY AND MERRY!



IN THE UNUSED NURSERY...

YOU KNOW, ANNA... A TOY WITHOUT A CHILD... IS JUST AS SAD... AS A CHILD WITHOUT A TOY!







A LITTLE LATER...

MOM! THIS IS THE BEST CAKE I'VE EVER TASTED! IT'S LIGHT AS A FEATHER!

THANK YOU, TOM! I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO BAKE FOR MY OWN SON BEFORE!



SAY, IT'S GETTING LATE! WAY PAST YOUR BEDTIME, TOM!

CLUCKOO! CLUCKOO!

YES, DAD! I'M PRETTY TIRED!



LATER, WITH TOM FAST ASLEEP IN THE NURSERY...

NOW WE HAVE A SON, JONATHAN! SUCH A TINY ONE, LIKE A LITTLE DOLL, BUT A CHILD ALL OUR OWN!

YES! AFTER ALL OUR DOUBTS AND FEARS, WE'LL LIVE HAPPILY NOW FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES!



COME! OUR SON IS FAST ASLEEP!

YES! HE MUST GET A GOOD REST! TOMORROW I WILL TAKE HIM INTO THE FOREST WITH ME!



BUT, JUST A FEW MOMENTS AFTER JONATHAN AND ANNA LEAVE, A STRANGE THING HAPPENS TO THE TOYS IN THE NURSERY...

THE TOYS...THEY'RE TALKING AND WALKING!

TA-TA-TA!

I WANT TO WALK!

AH, IT IS GOOD TO BE ALIVE!

YES! I WANT TO TURN SOMERSAULTS!





LOOK OUT! STOP! BACK TO YOUR PLACES! THE GROWN-UPS ARE COMING!



THE TOYS SCURRY FOR THEIR PLACES AS TOM CLIMBS BACK UP TO THE CRIB...



TOM! WE HEARD NOISES! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT OF BED? WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

GOSH, MOM! NOT SO FAST!



THE TOYS GAVE ME A WELCOME PARTY! YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THEM... SINGING AND DANCING!

LISTEN, SON... IMAGINATION IS ALL RIGHT FOR A BOY... BUT DON'T LET IT GO TOO FAR, REMEMBER, YOUR FATHER'S NAME IS HONEST JONATHAN!



BUT, DAD... I'M TELLING THE TRUTH! WE ALL HAD A LOT OF FUN! WE MARCHED... AND I EVEN RODE THE ROCKING HORSE! I...

NOW, TOM... BACK TO SLEEP! YOU... JUST HAD A DREAM!



I GUESS CON-FU-SHUN WAS RIGHT! GROWN-UPS JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND THESE THINGS!

GOOD NIGHT, SON!





MUST YOU ALWAYS THINK IN TERMS OF VIOLENCE? A GENTLEMAN NEVER PILFERS WHEN HE CAN OBTAIN BY PEACEFUL BARTER!



WATCH ME STRIKE A CLEVER BARGAIN WITH THE OLD MAN!

IF IT WORKS, OUR FORTUNE IS AS GOOD AS MADE!



YOUR GRACIOUS PARDON, SIR... MY COMPANION AND I ARE SHOWMEN OF PROMINENCE... AND... WE WONDER WHAT PRIZE YOU SET UPON THAT FINE LITTLE FELLOW ON THE BURRO?



PRICE? WHAT DO YOU MEAN? HE IS MY SON! I WOULD NEVER SELL HIM!

LET ME KNOCK THE OLD MAN OUT!

NO... THAT IS NOT THE WAY! I WILL THINK OF SOMETHING CLEVER TO LURE THE BOY AWAY!



FROM NOW ON I'M SURE KEEPING AN EYE ON YOU, SON! I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THOSE TWO FELLOWS!



OH, I DON'T KNOW, DAD! THE SKINNY GUY SEEMS ALL RIGHT TO ME!

YOU AND YOUR FANCY GAB! I SHOULD HAVE USED MY PERSUADER!

THE OLD MAN'S ASKING FOR IT ALL RIGHT... BUT WE GOTTA GO EASY! WE'LL GRAB THE PINT-SIZE AS SOON AS WE NEED HIM!



MEANWHILE, FARTHER IN THE FOREST...

AH! HERE COMES WOODY, THE PIPER! WHAT A WASTREL! AND A PITY, TOO... BECAUSE HE IS VERY HANDSOME!

HELLO, MY BEAUTIFUL QUEEN! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? I'VE GOT GOOD NEWS, WONDERFUL NEWS! HOW ABOUT A KISS?

THAT'S THE IDEA! I LOVE YOU... AND WANT TO MARRY YOU!

I COULD NEVER MARRY A LOAFER!

I'M NOT THE NE'ER-DO-WELL YOU USED TO KNOW! I HAVE A *JOB*! I WAS CHOSEN FOR THE POSITION OF SECOND WOODWIND IN THE ROYAL MILITARY BAND!

WOODY, THAT'S WONDERFUL! BUT, STILL I CANNOT MARRY YOU!

BUT, WHY NOT? I'VE GOT A JOB NOW! I CAN TAKE CARE OF YOU!

I MUST BE CERTAIN, BEFORE I LOSE MY MAGIC POWER!

PLEASE, QUEEN! YOU MUST BE MINE! I...

POOF!



THE NEXT DAY, AT THE FAIR...

HERE COMES
THE BAND!



BOY, WOODY! I'M
HAVING A SWELL TIME!



OH, LOOK!
A COBBLER!

STEP UP, MY FRIENDS
AND SEE MY *MAGIC*
SHOES! THEY MAKE
YOU DANCE! THEY
CHASE THE BLUES!



I'LL TAKE
A PAIR!

ME, TOO!
I WANT
TO DANCE!

WITH THESE
SHOES YOU
HAVE TO
DANCE!



HEY, WOODY...
LET'S GET SOME
MAGIC DANCING
SHOES!

OKAY! THE LEADER
WILL NEVER MISS ME
FOR A FEW MINUTES!
I'LL BE BACK BEFORE
IT'S MY TURN TO
PLAY AGAIN!



THE COUPLES WEARING THE MAGIC SHOES FIND THAT THEY CAN'T STOP DANCING...

MY SHOES ARE TALENTED SHOES... THEY LEAP AND JUMP AND HOP AND SKIP AND EVERY SKIP IS FULL OF ZIP!

GOSH, WOODY! THE MAGIC SHOES REALLY WORK! EVERYONE IS DANCING!



HOW ABOUT A PAIR OF SHOES FOR THIS YOUNG FELLOW?

WHY, CERTAINLY! I HAVE A VERY SPECIAL PAIR JUST FOR HIM!



YIPPEE! THEY FIT JUST FINE!

CAREFUL, TOM! DON'T GO TOO FAR OR YOU'LL GET LOST!



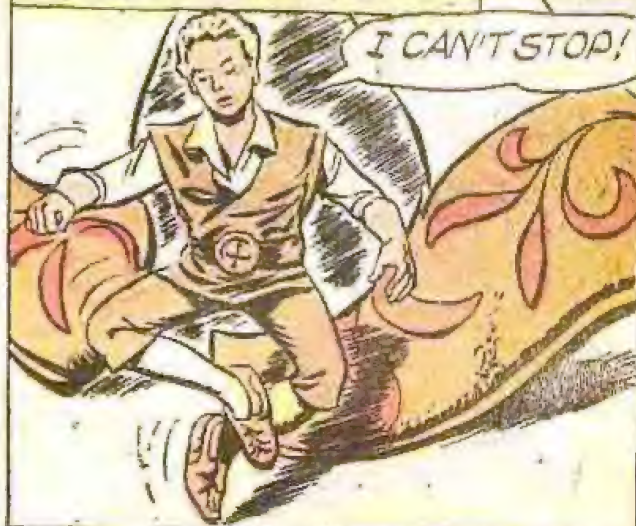
BETTER GO AFTER HIM, WOODY! THOSE ARE TALENTED SHOES HE'S WEARING! THEY'LL KEEP ON DANCING AS LONG AS THE MUSIC PLAYS!

ALL RIGHT! I'LL WATCH HIM!



BUT THE DANCING SHOES CARRY YOUNG TOM INTO THE CROWD... AND HE IS IN DANGER OF BEING TRAMPLED...

I CAN'T STOP!



WOODY IS FRANTIC...



STOP IT! HOLD
THE MUSIC! TOM!
WHERE ARE YOU,
TOM?

BUT THE MAGIC SHOES KEEP TOM DANCING
... AND HE CAN'T SLOW THEM DOWN...



GOSH! I'M DANCING RIGHT
INTO A SHOOTING GALLERY!

TOM IS A SITTING
DUCK...



YOU MISSED AGAIN! LET
ME SHOW YOU HOW TO DO IT!
WATCH ME PLUNK THAT SILLY
LITTLE PUPPET JUMPING UP
AND DOWN!

NO, DON'T SHOOT!
I'M NOT A PUPPET!
I'M TOM THUMB!



YIPE!

TOM SEES A PIECE OF STRING
FLOATING PAST A KNOTHOLE...



I'VE GOT TO GET
OUT OF HERE!

BUT, AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, THE STRING IS TIED TO A BALLOON...

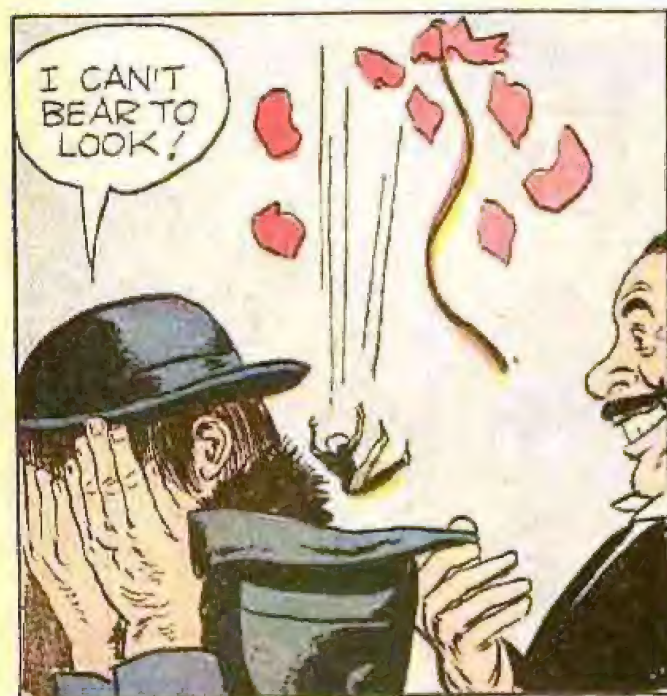


TOM AND THE BALLOON FLOAT
OVER THE CITY...



AT THAT VERY MOMENT, AT THE TOWER
OF THE TREASURY...





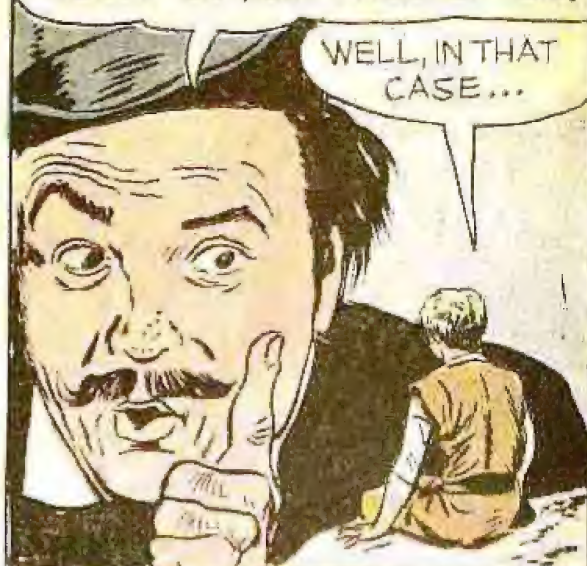
TOM, MY BOY... A NOBLE LOT HAS BEFALLEN YOU./ THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN HAS STOLEN MONEY FROM THE POOR ORPHANS! MY PARTNER AND I NEED YOUR HELP TO GET IT BACK!

WHY, I DON'T KNOW... MAYBE I OUGHT TO ASK MY DAD... OR WOODY.



OH, NO! NO NEED TO BOTHER THEM! BESIDES, YOUR FATHER WOULD BE VERY PROUD OF YOU!

WELL, IN THAT CASE...



NOW, LAD... DOWN YOU GO!

THE LITTLE FOOL! POOR ORPHANS IN-DEED! OUR FORTUNES ARE MADE! HA, HA!



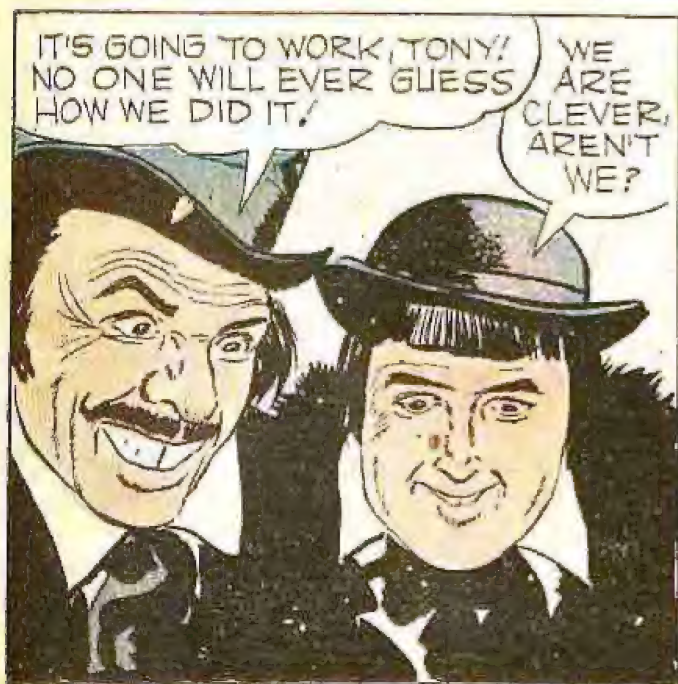
WHAT SHALL I DO NOW?

SLIP THE LOOP OVER ONE OF THOSE BAGS. THEN WE'LL PULL YOU OUT!



IT'S GOING TO WORK, TONY! NO ONE WILL EVER GUESS HOW WE DID IT!

WE ARE CLEVER, AREN'T WE?



I'M READY! PULL IT UP!

ALL RIGHT!



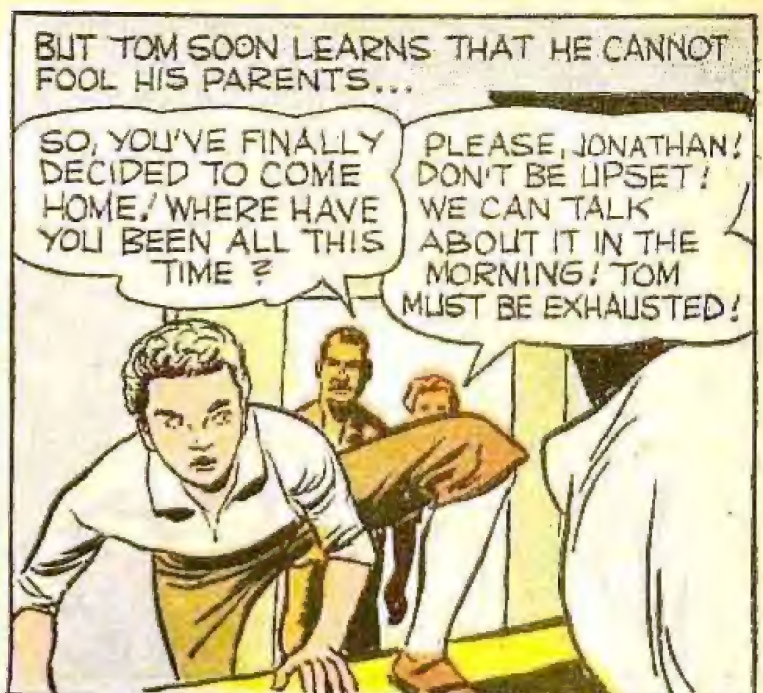








CAN'T CLIMB DOWN WITH THE COIN... I'LL LEAVE IT UP HERE! I MUST BE VERY QUIET!



SO, YOU'VE FINALLY DECIDED TO COME HOME! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN ALL THIS TIME?

PLEASE, JONATHAN! DON'T BE UPSET! WE CAN TALK ABOUT IT IN THE MORNING! TOM MUST BE EXHAUSTED!



OH, ALL RIGHT! GOOD NIGHT, SON.

'NIGHT, DAD... I'M SORRY I WORRIED YOU!



EARLY THE NEXT MORNING...

WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU, GENTLEMEN?

MAYBE YOU CAN HELP US! THE TREASURY HAS BEEN ROBBED AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR THE CULPRITS! HAVE YOU SEEN ANY STRANGERS HERE-ABOUTS?



WHY, NO! I HAVE SEEN NO ONE! HAVE YOU, ANNA?

NOT A SOUL!



HOW NOW, MADAM! THIS COIN IS PART OF THE STOLEN MONEY! WHERE IS THE REST OF IT?

WHY... I HAVEN'T THE LEAST IDEA HOW IT GOT THERE!

YOU'RE BOTH UNDER ARREST! COME ALONG TO THE MAGISTRATE! HE KNOWS HOW TO DEAL WITH THIEVES WHO STEAL FROM THE ROYAL TREASURY!

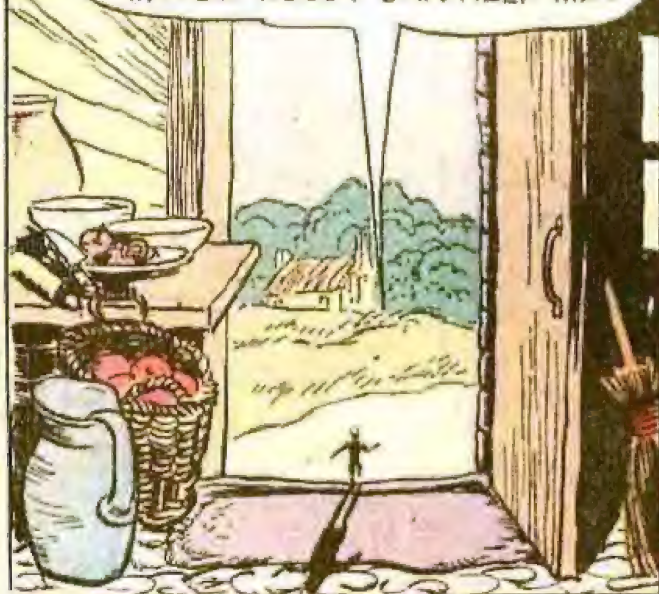


BUT THE SOLDIERS DO NOT LISTEN TO TOM...

(SOB) MY FATHER WARNED ME ABOUT THOSE MEN... BUT NO, I THOUGHT THEY WERE NICE! I HELPED THEM ROB THE TREASURY!



I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING! MAYBE WOODY CAN HELP ME!



LATER, IN THE FOREST...

WOODY! WOODY! THE SOLDIERS HAVE PUT MY MOM AND DAD IN JAIL! THEY THINK THEY STOLE THE MONEY FROM THE TREASURY!

NO! THEY WOULDN'T DO A THING LIKE THAT!



I KNOW WHO THE ROBBERS ARE! ONE HAS A TALL, TALL HAT... AND THE OTHER IS FAT!

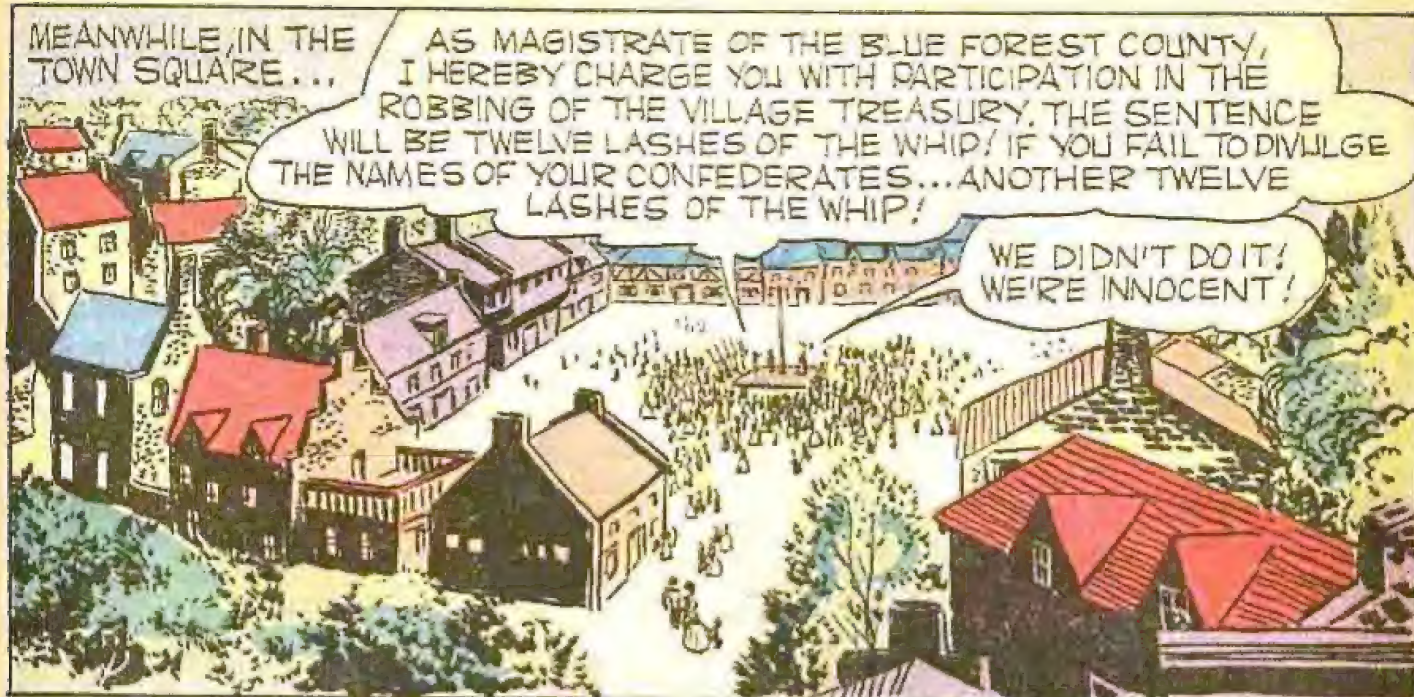
WERE THEY DRESSED IN BLACK?



YES!

COME ON, TOM, YOU KNOW WHO THEY ARE... AND I KNOW WHERE THEY ARE!







TOM'S RUSE WORKS...

SO, YOU WANTED TO CHEAT ME, EH?
I'LL TEACH YOU HOW TO COUNT!



AS THE TWO ROBBERS FIGHT...

WOODY! GET UP!
WE'LL TAKE THE
MONEY AND RUN
TO TOWN!



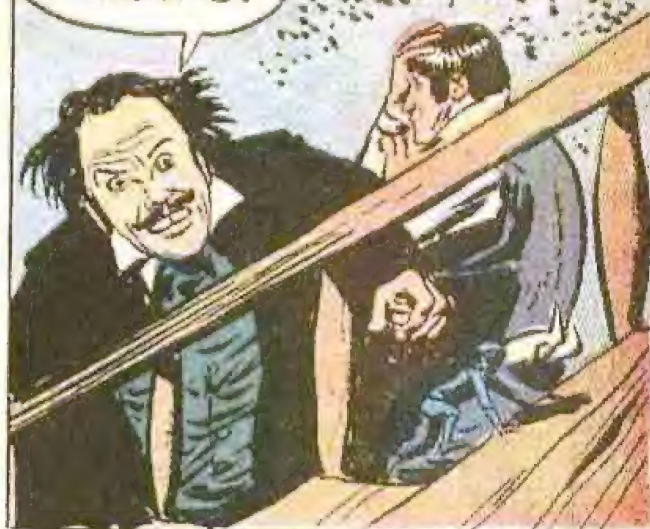
IT'S THE RUNT! HE MUST HAVE
SWITCHED THE MONEY WHEN
WE WEREN'T LOOKING!

WE'VE BEEN
TRICKED! LET'S
GET HIM!



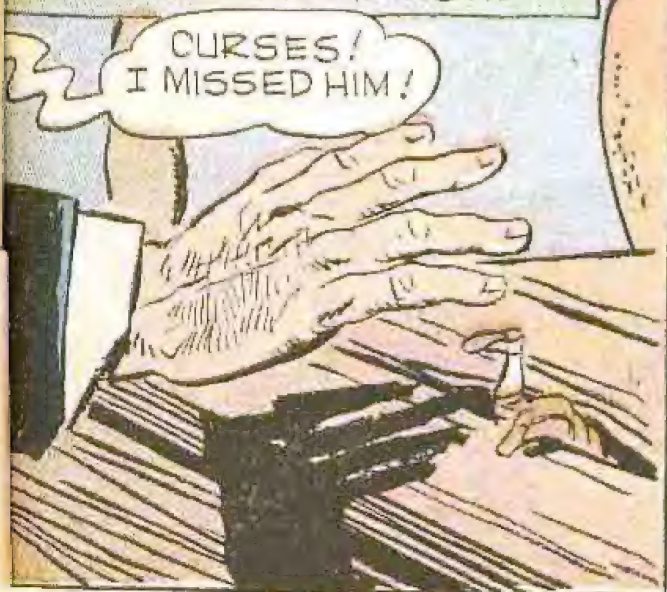
COME HERE,
YOU LITTLE
RASCAL!

OOOOO!



TOM DARTS TO SAFETY THROUGH
A CRACK IN THE STAIRS...

CURSES!
I MISSED HIM!



COME ON, TONY!
WE'LL TAKE OUR
MONEY AND RIDE
OUR HORSES OUT
OF THE COUNTY!

I'VE GOT
TO STOP
THEM
SOMEHOW!



A FEW MOMENTS LATER, OUTSIDE THE CASTLE...

I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT HAPPENED TO MY HORSE! WHERE IS HE?

CLIMB UP WITH ME! QUICKLY! WE MUST FLEE!



COME BACK! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH LITTLE TOM?



THE ROBBERS REACH A FORK IN THE ROAD...

HERE'S WHERE WE TURN, TONY! THOSE FOOLS IN THE VILLAGE WILL NEVER CATCH US!



BUT THE HORSE DOES NOT OBEY THEIR COMMANDS...

TURN RIGHT, YOU BEAST!

WHEE-
HEE-UMPH!



WRONG ROAD! THIS WILL TAKE US TO THE VILLAGE!

THIS BEAST REFUSES TO LISTEN TO ME!



UNKNOWN TO THE ROBBERS, TOM, INSIDE THE HORSE'S EAR, IS GIVING THE COMMANDS...

GOOD BOY! NOW JUST KEEP RUNNING! WE'LL SHOW THE MAGISTRATE WHO THE REAL ROBBERS ARE!



IN THE VILLAGE SQUARE...

JONATHAN AND ANNA, BEFORE
CARRYING OUT THE SENTENCE,
I WILL GIVE YOU ONE MORE CHANCE!
WHERE HAVE YOU HIDDEN THE MONEY?

I CAN ONLY
REPEAT, SIR...
THAT WE ARE
INNOCENT!



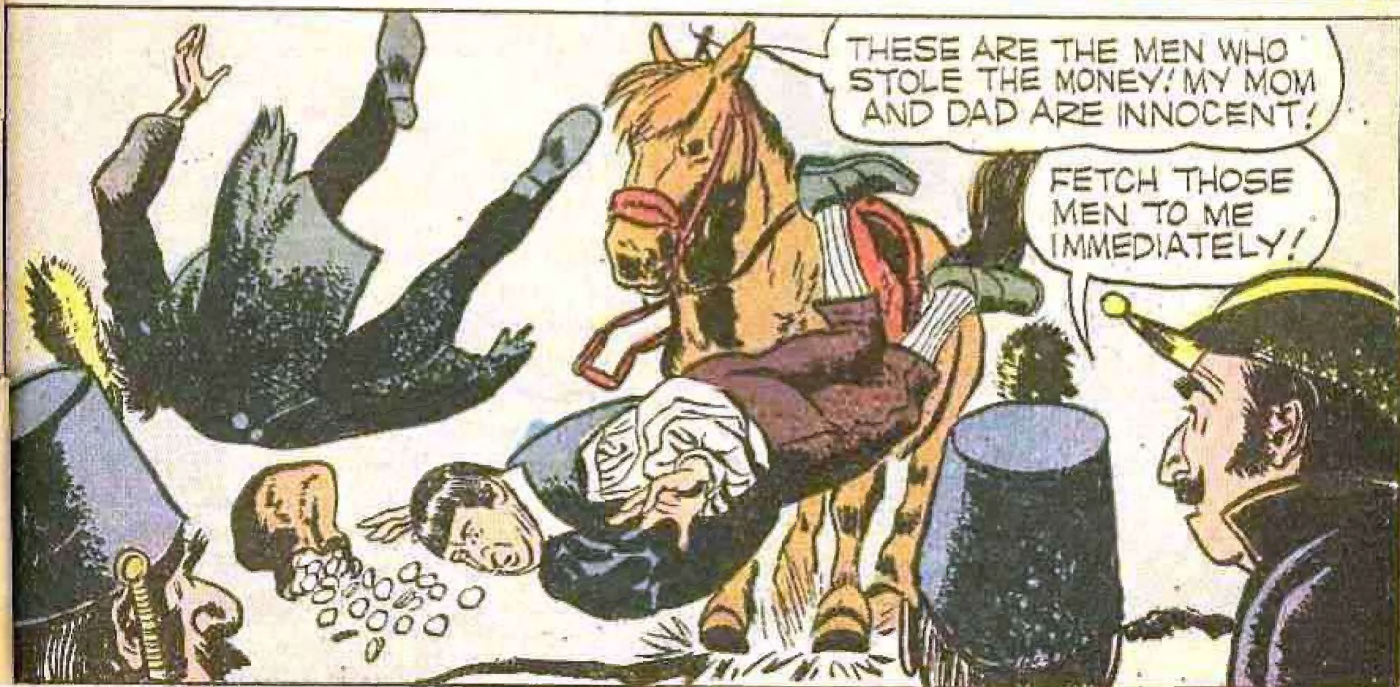
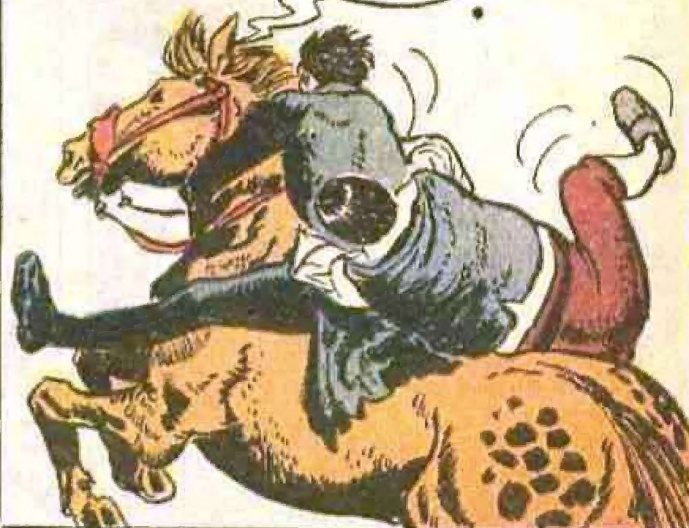
ALL RIGHT THEN!
PROCEED WITH
THE WHIPPING!

WITH
PLEASURE!



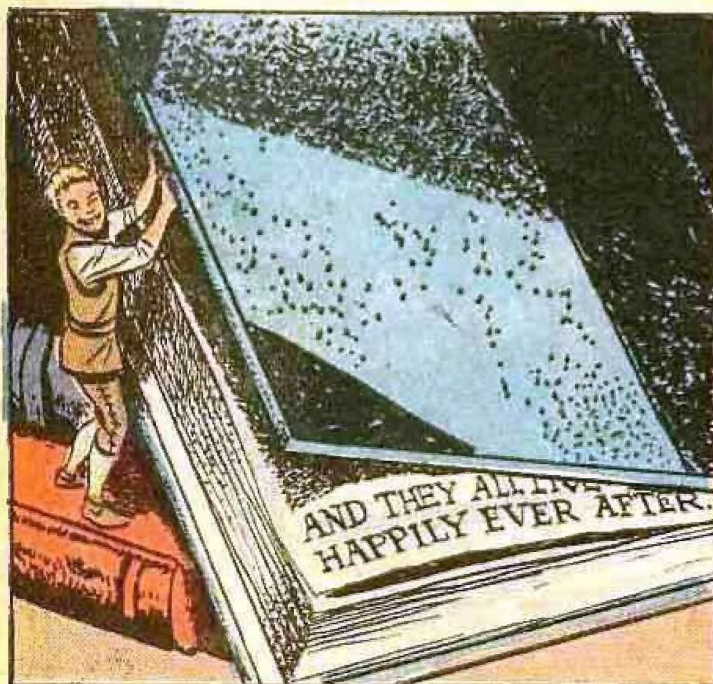
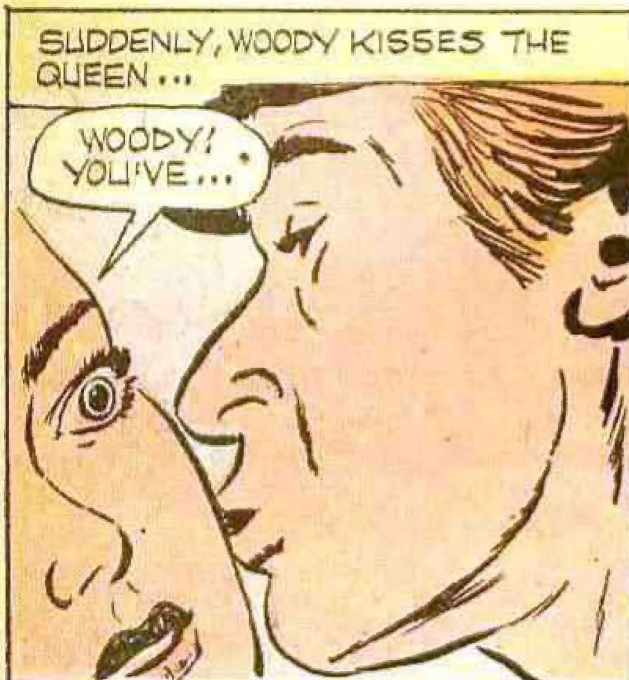
AT THAT VERY MOMENT...

WHOA, HORSE!
WHOA!



THESE ARE THE MEN WHO
STOLE THE MONEY! MY MOM
AND DAD ARE INNOCENT!

FETCH THOSE
MEN TO ME
IMMEDIATELY!



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"tom thumb"...

A DREAM COME TRUE

From what at first seemed only a farfetched dream in the fertile mind of Hollywood Producer-Director George Pal, "tom thumb" has grown into a visible little boy, just five and one-half inches tall.

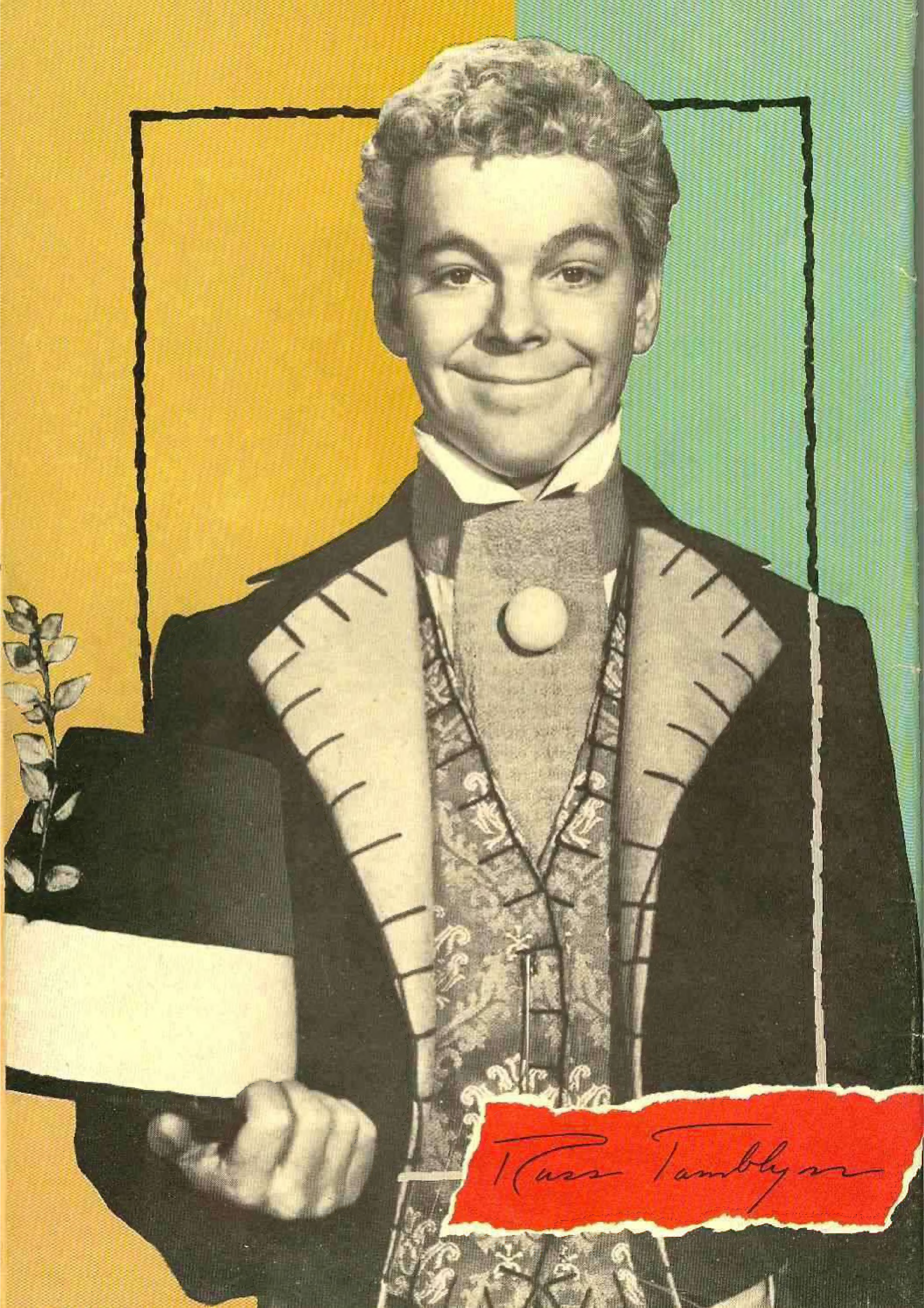
Since 1939, Pal aspired to film the picture of the Grimm Brothers' classic fairy tale, but it was only last year that he completed arrangements with M-G-M for its production and release. So, it has taken almost two decades for "tom thumb" to come to life on the screen.

To create this thumb-size actor, items of proportional size were built to dwarf the appearance of Russ Tamblyn... a crib fifty-five feet long, a bench eighty feet long, and a hat sixteen feet high. For scenes with other living players, the same items were normal in size.

The animated puppets were far more complicated to create. Each scene had to be filmed one frame at a time, with changes of pose and facial expression made between each frame. One puppet required the interchange of forty-eight differently shaped mouths, just to make him yawn once.

Through his determination to do the impossible, George Pal succeeds in bringing to the screen a live "tom thumb," who sings and dances with animated characters as though they, too, are alive and real.





Russ Tamblay